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The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member knows that newspaper articles cannot form the subject-matter of questions."

Allotment and expenditure on account of minor irrigation works in the Salem district since 1930–31.

* 359 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount spent on minor irrigation works in the Salem district in each year from 1930–31 has been; and

(*b*) whether the allotments were utilized in full in each year, or whether amounts have been left unexpended; if so, how much in each year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement gives the information required in respect of minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department:—

Year.	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1930–31	91,571	90,992	579
1931–32	61,332	61,315	17
1932–33	54,345	53,927	418

As regards minor irrigation works in charge of the Public Works Department, information has been called for.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know what the reasons are for the reduction of allotment year after year?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"It is one effect of the reduction in Government revenues."

Land Revenue Administration

Damage by floods in South Kanara.

* 360 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report regarding flood damage in South Kanara; and

(*b*) what relief they propose to give in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 235. The Government have received no report of damage caused by floods in South Kanara since the date of their reply.

Arrears of land revenue in South Kanara.

* 361 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the arrears of land revenue at the end of the last fasli in South Kanara; and

(*b*) the number of lands notified for sale and the number actually sold by the Government last year and this year for the recovery of arrears?

A.—(*a*) Rs. 95,626 (arrears and current inclusive).

(*b*) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to last fasli and the fasli previous to it, viz., faslis 1341 and 1342. Information is available only in respect of the number of defaulters whose lands were attached and of the number of defaulters whose lands were sold for realizing the arrears of fasli 1341. The information is given below:—

Number of defaulters in South Kanara district whose lands were attached	823
Number of defaulters in the South Kanara district whose lands were sold	89

The extent of land attached is 10,337 acres. The extent of land sold was 330 acres. The information has not yet been received for fasli 1342.

Protection of wild birds and animals

Persons killed by man-eating tigers in the reserves of Coondapoor taluk.

* 362 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons killed this year by man-eating tigers in the reserves of Coondapoor taluk in South Kanara; and

(*b*) the action taken by the Government in this matter?

A.—The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether the Government are giving special rewards for destroying man-eaters? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I believe so, Sir."

Public Service

Typewriting, a compulsory qualification for employment as clerks.

* 363 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed recently making the typewriting qualification compulsory for persons to be employed as clerks under the Government from 1st January 1934;

(*b*) what the reasons are for such an order; and

(*c*) whether they will be given the present scale of pay only, or any special pay in addition?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government consider that the usefulness of clerks will be materially enhanced if they possess typewriting qualification in addition to general educational qualification.

(*c*) No special pay will be given.